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This resource includes everything you need to teach students how to recognize and explain the meaning of common idioms, adages, and proverbs.

What's Included:

- PowerPoint Lesson (Monday)
- Practice Printable (Tuesday)
- 30 Task Cards (Wednesday)
- Sketch Notes (Thursday)
- Assessment (Friday)
- BONUS: Interactive Notebook Activity

NOTE: This resource was written based on fifth-grade content standards. However, none of the student materials are labeled with a grade level. This will allow teachers to use this resource across grade levels.

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Questions, comments? Feel free to email me anytime. I would love to hear from you!

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POWERPOINT LESSON

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Meaning: trying to complete or acknowledge a problem or situation

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Meaning: to ignore a problem or situation

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Meaning: time passes quickly

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10 IDIOMS "Burn the candle at both ends"

Meaning: to be too busy or to be too tired

11 IDIOMS "In the dog house"

Meaning: to be in trouble or to be in a bad mood

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61 PROVERBS "People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones."

Meaning: people who are hypocrites or who are criticizing others for the same thing they are doing themselves

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PRACTICE PRINTABLE & ASSESSMENT

...Idioms, Adages & Proverbs PRACTICE...

Name: _____ Date: _____

Idioms are commonly used phrases that mean something different from their literal meaning. They express an idea or relationship.

EXAMPLES: *In the dog house, On the fence, Cold feet, Break a leg*

Adages are expressions that make a statement about human nature.

EXAMPLE: *You can't teach an old dog new tricks.*

Proverbs are expressions that give advice or state a truth.

EXAMPLE: *Don't bite the hand that feeds you.*

Directions: Identify if the expression is an idiom, adage, or proverb.

1. **Birds of a feather, flock together.**

Meaning: People with the same interests or beliefs like to hangout with each other.

2. **Let off the hook**

Meaning: To be released from a responsibility or obligation.

3. **Don't bite the hand that feeds you.**

Meaning: Don't be disrespectful to the person who is helping you.

4. **Foot in the door**

Meaning: An opportunity to get something even bigger.

5. **A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.**

Meaning: An organization is only as strong as its weakest person.

Directions: Match each expression with its meaning.

1. **Proverb:** You must learn to walk before you can run.

2. **Idiom:** A hard nut to crack.

3. **Adage:** Too many cooks spoil the broth.

4. **Idiom:** On the fence.

5. **Proverb:** A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

...Idioms, Adages & Proverbs ASSESSMENT...

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Complete the sentences with the correct phrase.

1. There's nothing we can do about our canceled flight, so there is no use...

- (A) biting the hand that feeds you. (C) making hay while the sun shines.
(B) judging a book by its cover. (D) crying over spilled milk.

2. _____, so please don't tell me how bad junk food is for my health.

- (A) Love is blind (C) A barking dog rarely bites
(B) Ignorance is bliss (D) No man is an island

3. Jazz music is _____, but I do love rock and roll.

- (A) not my cup of tea (C) out of the blue
(B) straight from the horse's mouth (D) a piece of cake

4. You know, _____, so let's do something to make the wait go by faster.

- (A) all roads lead to Rome (C) a watched pot never boils
(B) blood is thicker than water (D) an old dog new tricks

5. Hey! You're _____.

- (A) over the moon (C) a double-edged sword
(B) barking up the wrong tree (D) a handle at both ends

6. Remember, _____.

- (A) strike while the iron is hot (C) a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush
(B) better late than never (D) the roses are in bloom

7. When I was ill, I read a lot of books.

- (A) you are what you eat (C) a penny earned is a penny earned
(B) wisdom is better than knowledge (D) the best medicine is prevention

8. Why are you throwing away these nice clothes? You know, _____.

- (A) beauty is only skin deep (C) a fish rots from the head
(B) one man's trash is another man's treasure (D) out of sight, out of mind

9. I didn't attend the meeting. Can you tell me _____ what was discussed?

- (A) straight from the horse's mouth (C) foaming at the mouth
(B) in a nutshell (D) at the drop of a hat

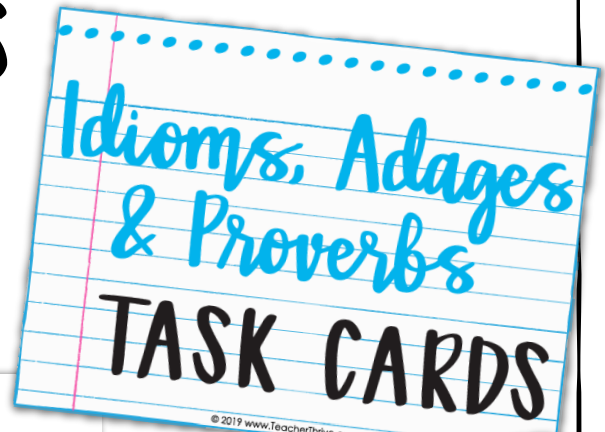
10. I didn't want to believe all the rumors about the company, but _____.

- (A) where there's smoke, there's fire (C) when it rains, it pours
(B) easy come, easy go (D) a bad workman blames his tools

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30 TASK CARDS

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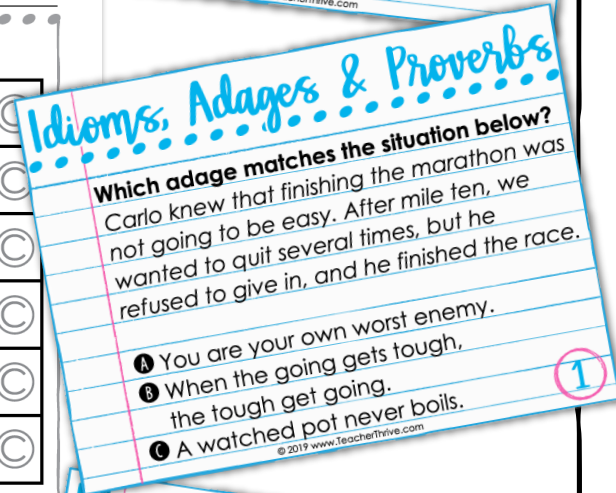


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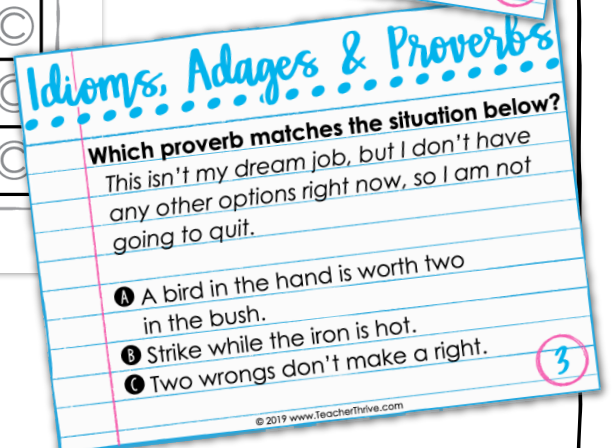
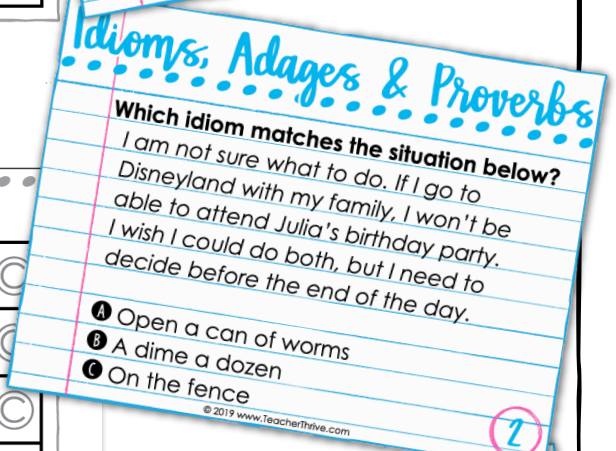


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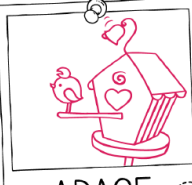
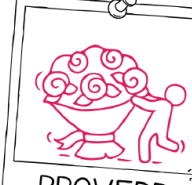
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GRAMMAR SKETCH NOTES

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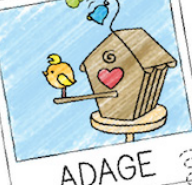
TEACHING NOTES: Use the sample page above to guide students' note-taking.

Under each "Polaroid," students will write an example of each figure of speech. These examples can come from the PowerPoint or the handout of idioms, adages, and proverbs in the practice printable/assessment file.

Students will then illustrate their figures of speech and provide the definitions for each.

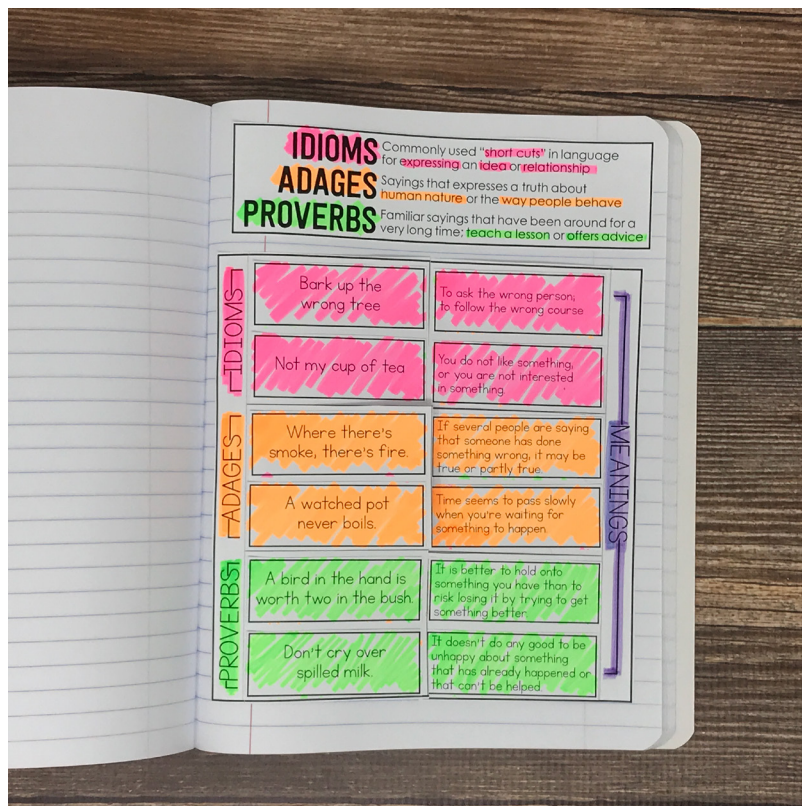
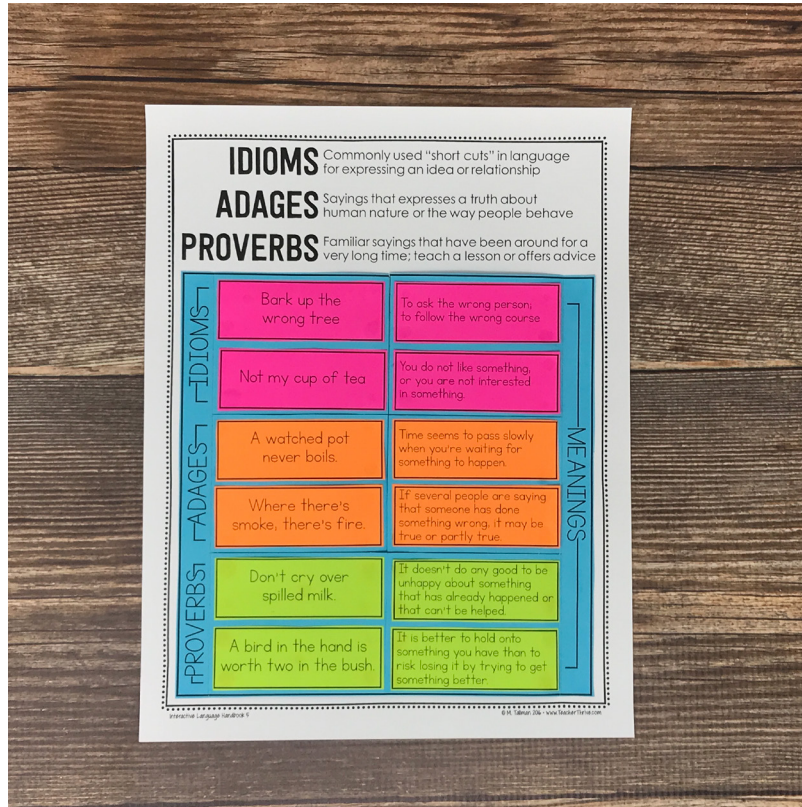
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BONUS: INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOK ACTIVITY



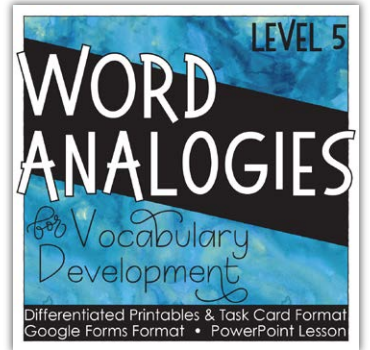
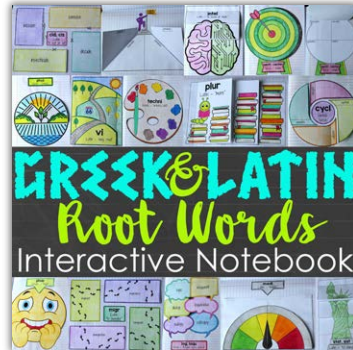
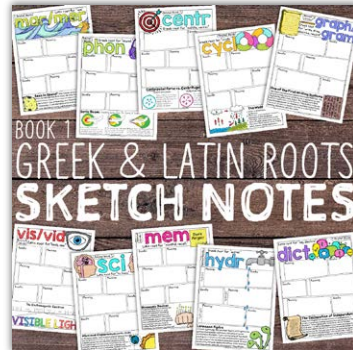
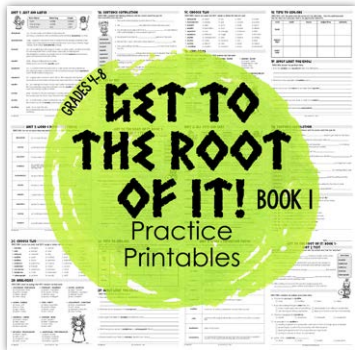


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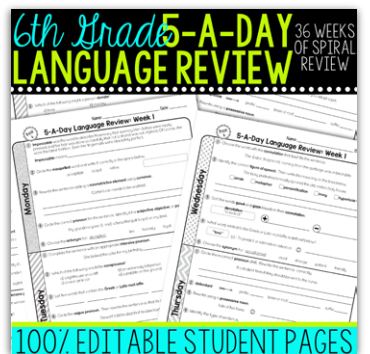
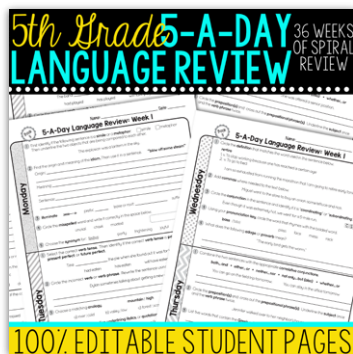
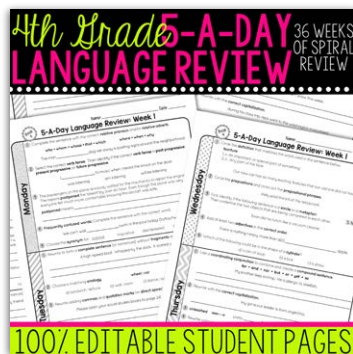
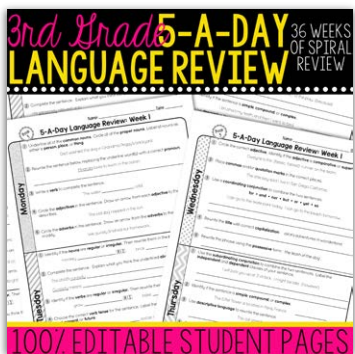


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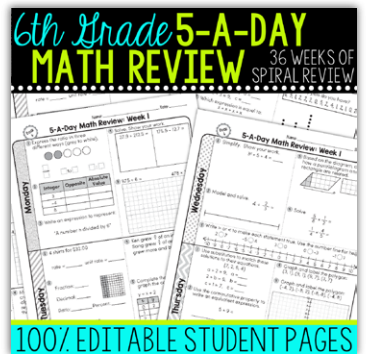
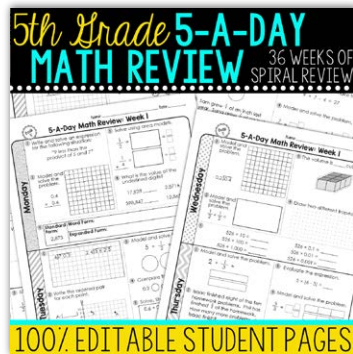
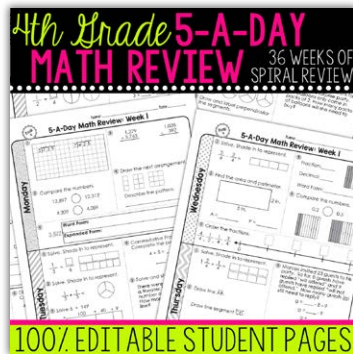
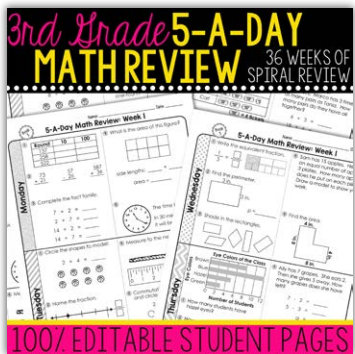
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DAILY LANGUAGE REVIEWS (GRADES 3-8)



DAILY MATH REVIEWS (GRADES 3-6)



HANDS-ON MATH TILES

